\$29,000,000 FINE AGAINST OIL TRUST MERELY A BUBBLE

Government Attorneys, Hopeless of Victory, Abandon Fight.

DEFENSE THEN ASKS ACQUITTAL VERDICT

Action Comes After Judge Anderson Dismisses Counts in Chapelle, Ill.

CHICAGO, March 10. - The Government abandoned its case against the Standard Oil Company

After Judge Anderson had dismissed all the counts referring to shipments from Chapelle, Ill., Assistant United States District Attorney Wilkerson asked the court if it were true that out of the evidence thus far presented, it was impossible to convict the defendant. The court replied in the affirmative, and Wilkerson then said: "Then there is no use of going on. The Government rests its case here."

Counsel for the defendant moved that a verdict of acquittal be immediately returned, and the court called the jury into the room to pass on

COLLAPSE OF SUIT NO SURPRISE HERE

In at least one quarter of the Administration, the news of the abandonment of the Government's case against the Standard Oil Company before Judge of the defendants, came as no surprise

Members of the Interstate Commerce Commission have never been confident of the Government's success in this proceeding. In fact, it is understood that when the alleged violations were first of guilt were insufficient.

then Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, and it was upon the data collected Rowan Helper, once consul for the by him that President Roosevelt ordered the Department of Justice to bring lies today unclaimed on a slab in the

So far as has been ascertained, At- a tramp or a beggar. torney General Wickersham had little or no part in the decision to abandon the case. It is said Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson acted upon his own initiative in the matter.

DIPLOMATS RECEIVED BY SECRETARY KNOX

Ambassadors, Ministers, Charges Call on New

Premier.

Ambassadors and ministers representing foreign missions in Washington were deal daily in such things, Hinton Helpformally presented to Secretary of State er's life and name seem to have been Knox today. The diplomats were headed by the ambassadors who filed into the diplomatic reception room, followed by the ministers and charges.

At the end of the line was the new minister from Hayti, M. Sannon, who was last to be recognized by the former Administration.

WEATHER REPORT.

Atlantic States tonight and Thursday, with light frost in the east Gulf and south Atlantic States, and freezing temperature in the districts north of Vir-

Storm warnings are continued on the Atlantic coast from Hatteras to Eastport. The winds along the Atlantic coast will be high west to northwest.
Steamers departing today for European ports will have southerly gales with rain or snow to the Grand Banks.

the department of educational psychology of George Washington University, today gave as his belief that the weather has been almost entirely responsible.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT Forecast for the District of Columbia, much colder tonight, with showers and probably snow flurries. Thursday fair and much colder; high west to north-

TEMPERATURE. SUN TABLE

TIDE TABLE.

To Atlantic City Without Change. Through parlor car via Pennsylvania titude of mind. Railroad, beginning Thursday, March II. It is at this polynomer washington 12-20. Leaves Washington 12:30 p. m. week-days; arrives Atlantic City 5:35 p. m.

Delaware River Bridge Route-Advt. (Continued on Page Eleven.)

WILL BE EDUCATED BY THE PRESIDENT



ELMER LOVING. Former Caddy of the President.

WOVEN IN DREAMS

Little But the Public Welfare.

"All told, first and last, my expendibrought to the attention of the com- tures in the premises, aiming at little years of assiduous and gratuitous la-

That may be the epitaph of Hinton United States at Buenos Ayres, always a dreamer of vast dreams, whose body morgue, where yesterday perhaps lay

In that one sentence, written in the cramped and feeble hand of an old man upon an unimportant paper left recentwith a Washington acquaintance, Helper expressed the whole scheme of his life. All the money he ever had, no doubt, was represented in that \$68,one doubt, was represented in that \$05.

one Loving began last summer on the golf links at Hot Springs, where the then President-elect was recuperating from a hard-fought campaign.

How Friendship Started.

Elmer was assigned as Mr. Taft's

vain, seems to show that when he wrote it a few months ago he had not lost

Life Facts Unknown. In the death certificate made out in the perfunctory manner of those who

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Anderson, at Chicago, and the acquittal Gigantic Ideas Aimed at Elmer Loving, Former Cad-piles have been received: dy of Chief Executive, Has Bright Future.

lieve that President Taft is his friend change. mission, that body held that the proofs else than public welfare, have exceeded and that he is in entire sympathy with Gov. W. B. Hoggatt of Alaska: \$68,000, together with nearly forty-two the hopes and ambitions that prompt things, should watch closely the career of Eimer W. Loving. Elmer began life as a caddy on the golf links at Hot Springs, Va., but if the career mapped Gov.

> the fifteen-year-old Virginia boy who has so strongly impressed President Taft that he has decided to send him to the University of Virginia to become

Elmer was assigned as Mr. Taft's ship which has resulted in giving keen bleasure to the President and in start- in getting the time of your changed Gov. George Curry, of New Mexico: ng the boy on the road to achieve a "I take pleasure in stating that I shall be very glad indeed to serve on this committee, and furthermore that I shall interesting little story, this helping hand extended to a struggling boy throws a use all the influence I may have with (Continued on Page Twelve.)

FIGHT FOR CHANGE IN INAUGURAL DATE IS GIVEN IMPETUS

Washington Members of Committee Meet and Formulate Plans.

GOVERNORS WRITE **FAVORING PROPOSAL**

Necessity for Proposed Move Pointed Out-Last Thursday in April Chosen.

inauguration of a President be held under conditions such as prevailed on March 4 last, the Washington members of the committee on the proposed change in the date of the inauguration met in the office of Commissioner Macfarland, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of formulating plans for the adoption of a constitutional amendment changing the date of the cere-

It is probable that the last Thursday n April will be the date decided upon, accordance with the resolution introfuced by Senator Hoar, which twice passed the Senate, but was pigeon-holed the House. It was on Thursday that Washington was first inaugurated, and that day is advocated not only from the standpoint of sentiment, but in order to preclude the possibility of the inauguation falling on Sunday, as would happen if a day of the month were selected,

Washington Members.

The Washington members of the com mittee are Commissioner Macfarland, chairman; James L. Norris, secretary; Thomas W. Smith, John W. Foster, Admiral George Dewey, Gen. Nelson A.

Siles, C. J. Bell, S. W. Woodward, C.
C Glover, Frank A. Munsey, John Joy
Edson, Gen. John M. Wilson, Theodore
W. Noyes, Justice John M. Harlan, Edward J. Stellwagen, J. Henry Small, jr. W. F. Gude, Edgar D. Shaw, Scott C. Bone and John R. McLean.

AT TAFT'S EXPENSE Commissioner Macfarland has not yet heard from the governors of States and Territories who entered upon their terms

Governors' Replies.

Gov. Charles E. Hughes, of New York "It gives me pleasure to consent to serve on the National Committee or the Proposed Change of Inauguration Day, and to co-operate so far as I prop-Any American boy who does not be- erly may, to bring about the desired

"I shall be very glad to serve on the the American boy to look to higher national committee if my co-operation legel libel contained in certain publicawith you can be of any help, as I am fully in accord with your committee as to the desirability of a change of date of the inauguration of our President."

Gov. W. F. Frear of Hawali:

tions in a Washington newspaper which mentioned Mr. Baker's political activities, and the race track war in the same article, took the witness stand in his own defense.

Springs, Va., but if the career mapped out for him by the President suffers no setback, he may mount the ladder of success to the highest rung in the Federal service.

This literally is the road ahead of the fifteen-year-old Virginia boy who

inauguration day, and whether I would co-operate in bringing about the desired result, is before me. I will consent to serve, and will gladly give my co-operastudent there.

The President's acquaintance with El- has adjourned, and will not meet again until January next, and so no request for a resolution from them can be made

Gov. John Franklin Fort, of New Jer-

"Yours with relation to changing the date of the inauguration of the President of the United States is received. I Clabaugh ruled that if he allowed this caddy, and right there began a friend- have no objection to serving on the to take effect, he would be placed in committee and to co-operate with you the position of later striking out the

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ACTRESS TO WED RUSSELL G. COLT



MISS ETHEL BARRYMORE.

WARNER ON STAND DENIES ANY MALICE

Explains Motive in Writing Alleged Libel.

After his attorneys failed in their efforts to enter an amended plea of special fustification, Brainard H. Warner, now being sued by District Attorney Daniel W. Baker for \$50,000 on grounds of al-

his own defense. That his sole idea in publishing the advertisement of March 28, 1908, was to call attention to the fact that the District Attorney, as such, and not as Mr. Baker the man, was engaged in political contests, with other Government employes, including "a postmaster and a departmental employe, in violation of the spirit of the rules of the civil service." was the burden of Mr. Warner's

explanation. When the hearing opens this morning, Mr. Darlington, cour 4 for Warner, placed before the court his amended plea, and cited authorities to ailow special justification, but Chief Justice plea under his decision of a few days ago upholding the demurrer of Henry E. Davis, counsel for Mr. Baker, to the opening statement of the defense.

SON'S ENGAGEMENT PLEASES COL. COL

ed With Miss Barrymore for Daughter-in-Law.

Miss Ethel Barrymore, the actress.

He sent out word that at present he battle." had not a word to say. Friends declare, however, that he is greatly deof the dainty actress' most enthusaistic admirers. Miss Barrymore is now playing at the

Hollis Theater, Boston, and the story of the engagement sent out from there states that the wedding will take place in that city next Sunday.

The Colt family is one of the richest in New England. Russell Colt is also the latest having been Capt. Harry serious mistake of policy. Graham, an officer in the Scots Guards and one time secretary to Lord Rose-

NOT YET WHIPPED, OF THE INSURGENTS

Fight for Revision of House Rules Waxing Hotter Now.

TAFT FRIENDS SAY BATTLE IS ENDED

Plan Now Afoot Is to Resume War When House Convenes Monday.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

The fight over the house rules, with President Taft, Speaker Cannon, the House organization, and the "regular" Senators on one side and the Democrats and insurgents of the House on the other, is hotter today than ever before.

The insurgents claim they have not lost a vote as the result of the espousal of Cannon's cause by President Taft.

Instead of ending the fight and crushing rebellion, the White House pronouncement seems to have added fuel to the flames.

The Administration and the Cannon forces insist that the fight is won; that not over nine insurgents will stick to the end; that Cannon will be re-elected and the old rules readopted.

The Democrats and insurgents say they are working together.

The House insurgents, under the staggering blow dealt them from the White House yesterday, went down for the ount, and looked like easy losers. in January, but among those in office before that date who were asked to act upon the committee, the following reupon the committee, the following reMontgomery County Man Magnate Said to Be Delightupon the fight as hard as ever, determined to stay to the finish, and, by noon, were confidently predicting vic-

"We cannot find where we have lost a man," declared a group of them at a NEW YORK, March 10 .- Col. Samuel conference at the House office building Pomeroy Colt, head of the United at noon. "The boys have been report-States Rubber Company, president of ing that they are as strong as ever in the Industrial Trust Company, of Prov- the cause, and while we don't expect idence, R. I., and one-time candidate that every man will stand the terrific for United States Senator from Rhode pressure which is being put on them now Island, refused today to see interviewers by the President, the postmasters, memwho called on him at the Holland House bers of the Cabinet, and even genators to secure his opinion of the engagement who two days ago were in the most of his son, Russell Griswold Colt, to complete sympathy with us, yet we expect to control enough votes to win our

The men who have been carrying on the insurgent fight of the past se lighted and that he has long been one who stood through the calendar Wednesday fight and the ship subsidy struggle, are not raw recruits. That fact has been made plain by the fashion in which they reformed their ranks today and went back to the fray.

Feel They Are Right.

They feel, rightly or wrongly, that they are on the right side of the question; that a vast body of opinion in wealthy in his own right, having in- their home States is with them; and herited money from his grandfather. that instead of being rebels, they are Miss Barrymore has been reported as taking the course which is calculated to engaged to several persons in the past, save the new Administration from a On the other hand, the forces of

Speaker Cannon and President Taft are Davis, counsel for Mr. Baker, to the pening statement of the defense.

Mr. Warner was then called. He told (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

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Mr. Warner was then called. He told (Continued on Eleventh Page.) less recalcitrants in the insurgent list which once boasted a proud thirty-four. They expect nine Republicans to stay to the last ditch and die in it. No more. They expect to re-elect Speaker Cannon and to adopt the old rules With such a sweeping victory for regularity, they calculate that no more will be heard for years to come of revolt

Such a struggle as is today in progress as not been known in Washington in Last night everything, following the announcement of President Taft's espousal of the regular cause, was chaos,

so far as the insurgents were concerned, Meet in Groups. Groups of them got together and talk

ed over the situation; and it presently developed that the worrying must be done, not about those present, but about turn to private life of former President somebody else. Nobody seemed to be jarred. Before midnight, reports on the whole insurgent force were gathered in, connection with the last illness and and it was made plain that if the ranks were to be broken the telling charge was yet to be made by the regulars.

The insurgents came up today with over the rules, at the beginning of the new Congress, would mean delay, and "That is a ghost which has been con-

jured up to scare people who have not to keep the exact disbursements from fully informed theraselves about the itemized accounts, as approved by the situation," said Representative Victor then Secretary of the Treasury, Leshe Murdock of Kansas for the insurgents. "The fact is that tariff revision is quite as safe, and perhaps safer, if we go to avoid a repetition of the extreme unpleasantness which followed the illness and death of President Garfield, vision. To that end, we propose, when and to prevent a discussion of the char-acter of the several claims. With this end in view, three close friends of the dead President, the late United States

All Willing to Do That. "Everybody is willing to do that; it

has been our understanding long beinto a committee of three to handle the fore the bogey of tariff embarrassment entire matter.

This they did so well that all who tried to examine the accounts in the was raised by the Speaker's forces. In their desperation to have an issue out the have a like the same of the have a like the have which they could make us appear bad Republicans. It will be made very

WEATHER INFLUENCE BLAMED FOR CRIME

Temperature will fall decidedly in the Prof. Ruediger, of George SUDDEN DEATHS Washington, Advances This Theory.

> Prof. William C. Ruediger, head of the department of educational psychol ogy of George Washington University, er has been almost entirely responsible for the unusual record of crime in and about Washington since inauguration. Suggestion of a mental sort may have been in a degree responsible, he asserted. It has not been definitely settled by science that telepathy does not take a hand in the origin and culmination 62 of crime. But it has been established beyond all doubt that weather can drive one to desperation, he declared, and the depressing effect of atmospheric conditions during the past few days has been more than sufficient to account for the

criminological record. Indirectly the activity among the spots on the sun might be partly blamed. According to Prof. Ruediger, activity of this sort influences electrical p. m. Low tide, 4:23 a. m. and 10:37 p. m. Low tide, 4:25 a. m. and 5:20 p. m. Low tide, 4:53 a. m. and 5:20 p. m. and 11:16 p. m. Low tide, 4:53 a. m. and 5:20 p. m. cholia and the various conditions which lie between insanity and a criminal at-It is at this point that the element of

OF FIVE DAYS

March 5-Patrolman J. W. Collier killed Police Capt. William H.

Mathews, of Washington. March 7-Walter F. Schultz found dead in field near Alexandria. March 8-Charles E. Isinger killed his wife and Douglas Moran, at Hagerstown, Md., and committed

March 8-Joseph Mueller killed Jennie Reed in Baltimore. March 8-Hinton Rowan Helper

committed suicide in Washington. March 9-Charles Zacharda, of Baltimore, killed his wife. March 10-Three men assassinated

the Rev. Erasmus Anisone at Newark, N. J. AN EXPLANATION. "Weather is probably responsible for such a record of crime. The ac-

tivity among the sun spots is doubtless the cause of the depressing weather we have had since inauguration." -Prof. William C. Ruediger, De partment of Psychology, G. W. U.

ANOTHER FLAREBACK. "Rain, with possible snow flurries. Much couger tonight." -Prof. Moore's Forecast.

NEGRO ADMITS NOW HE ATTACKED GIRL

Reform School Fugitive Tells Police of His Crime.

Howard Sargent, a negro, nineteen years old, one of the suspects locked up at the Fourth precinct station in connection with the attack on Aliss Bertha Tyler, fourteen years old, 418 Eighth street southeast, who was brutally beaten within the shadow of her own home this afternoon, admitted beating the girl.

Sargent, who is a fugitive from the Reform School, says that he met the gir! in the alley after he had followed her around the streets for nearly half an hour. Sargent's hat was found in the

The negro lives almost directly back of the Tyler home, but he maintained up to this afternoon that he had no knowledge of the attack, and he was sent back to the Reform School, from which he escaped several days ago. To-day, however, severe cross-questioning brought him to admit the charge. The negro is said to have annoyed the gir previous occasions and addressed nsulting remarks to her. Little Miss Tyler is reported to be recovering slowly from the shock.

Through Parlor Car to Atlantic City Via Pennsylvania Railroad, beginning Thursday, March II, leaves Washington 12:30 p. m. weekdays; arrives Atlantic City, 5:35 p. m., via Delaware River Bridge Route.-Advt

EXPENSES NOW TOLD OF M'KINLEY DEATH

PHYSICIANS' FEES PAID BY TREASURY

Dr. Matthew D. Mann, Buf-

Dr. Charles McBurney, New Dr. Rosewell Park, Buffalo... Dr. Charles G. Stockton, Buf-Dr. E. G. Janeway New York 1,500 Dr. Herman G. Matsinger, Buffalo Dr. W. W. Johnson, Washintgon 500 Dr. Edward Lee Dr. John Harman 500 Dr. Harvey R. Gaylor..... 500 Dr. Nelson W. Wilson

Dr. G. McK. Hall

Dr. Herman Minter, Buffalo. 6,000

Fourteen Physicians Given \$32,400 for Attending Stricken President.

NEW YORK, March 10 .- With the re-

Roosevelt, it has been possible to secure the details of the expenditures made in eath of former President McKinley, which have been so carefully covered up for seven years, that even the auditing an answer to the charge that a fight officials of the Government have known but approximately how the \$45,000 apprepriated by Congress was expended. Not in the history of the Federal perhaps disaster, to tariff revision. Government has such care been taken the public as in this instance, and the M. Shaw, are somewhat surprising. The object of this great secrecy was to avoid a repetition of the extreme end in view, three close friends of the dead President, the late United States

Senator Mark Hanna, Secretary George B. Cortelyou, and John M. Milburn, the Buffalo lawyer, at whose house the President died, formulated themselves Dr. Edward Mann..... 200 Total 32,400 (Continued on Second Page.)